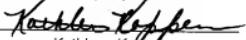


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Applicants submit the following response in reply to the Final Office Action dated November 27, 2007. Applicants note that the two-month shortened period for reply is January 27, 2008 and falls on a Sunday. Therefore, filing this response on Monday, January 28, 2008, is timely. No fees or charges should be required for entry of this response. However, if any fees or charges are due or required, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 18-1167.